

Mrs. G. S. Cawder.

REPORT OF THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

SPRINGFIELD DIOCESAN BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS, DEC. 6TH AND 7TH, 1892.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Springfield Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, was held in the Annex Hall of St. Agatha's School, Springfield, on Tuesday afternoon, December 6th, 1892, at 3 o'clock. The meeting was opened by the Missionary collects read by Mrs. D. W. Dresser, Vice-President from Champaign, and called to order by the President, Mrs. W. R. Beall, of Springfield.

The Roll of Membership was called by Mrs. H. H. Candee, of Cairo, the Secretary, and the following officers and delegates responded:

Mrs. W. R. Beall, President; Mrs. D. W. Dresser, Champaign, Vice-President; Mrs. E. J. H. Tomlin, Vice-President, and Mrs. Frank Doane, Jacksonville; Mrs. E. L. Merritt, President, Miss Virginia Dresser, Secretary, and Mrs. J. F. Cadwallader, Treasurer, of St. Paul's Branch, Springfield; Mrs. E. A. Snively, Secretary of the Enrollment Fund, Miss Anna Swan Reynolds, Librarian, Springfield; Mrs. John Hounsley, Mrs. William Finch, Chesterfield; Mrs. H. H. Candee, Secretary and Treasurer, Cairo.

Mrs. W. R. Beall, the President, said a few cordial words of welcome to those in attendance, and then read an interesting extract from the very excellent annual report of the General Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The Secretary read the minutes of the meeting of December 1st and 2d, 1891, which were unanimously approved and adopted, and then presented her Fifth Annual Report, as follows:

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE DIOCESAN SECRETARY OF THE SPRINGFIELD BRANCH OF
THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD OF
MISSIONS, DECEMBER 6, 1892.

In the magnificent procession of events that have made the past year a golden one in the annals of a century which is the climax of a grand historical period in both civil and religious life, the women of the nation and the Church have been granted unusual privileges and opportunities. To-day we are not only a cordially recognized influence in one of the greatest nations of civilized times, but also a moving force of that still more glorious Kingdom, the Church militant, and our organized work and labor has brought us again into touch with the shining chain of loving service and self-sacrificing effort that has encircled the world. We are living and working in most inspiring days, and if we listen to the song the years are singing, our souls cannot fail to catch the enthusiasm of harmonious and united effort in the Master's cause, and our lives grow brighter, broader and better. In all the busy interests of this most busy and interesting epoch of our nation's history, the Church is keeping pace with the grand spirit of Progress that urges the world forward, and the Woman's Auxiliary, to which we as a branch belong, keeps step to the needs and wants of the Church, proving indeed a willing and able helper in Missionary work. It was a glorious privilege, upon that beautiful October day, in the quaint old city of Baltimore, when twelve hundred devout and reverent women pressed forward to the holy altar, to commemorate the death of their beloved LORD, and renew their vow of loving service in the cause of their Divine Master. It was a great sight to see the galleries daily packed with intelligent and deeply interested women, in faithful attendance for long hours on the sessions of the General Convention, listening earnestly to the important questions of the day and hour. From all parts of the country they were gathered together, and from the distant shores of foreign lands—from China and Japan—showing how widely the work is extended, and that the love of Christian women is not confined to narrow metes and bounds. It was a noble celebration of the first century of American Church history, and of the Twenty-first Anniversary of the founding of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, and most appropriate that it should occur in the beautiful City of Monuments, where the Auxiliary first had its beginning.

In the admirable report of the General Secretary is traced the evolution of a work that, carried on quietly and unostentatiously and from small beginnings, has grown to be a mighty factor in our modern Church life. The total footings in money and boxes, for the

past year, were over \$352,000. For the period of twenty-one years, from 1871 to 1892, they are \$3,623,505. What a splendid record to show for the Church women of America, through this one agency alone; while far beyond all calculation in money or material gifts, have been the countless acts of devotion, unrecorded and unrecognized save by God.

And it is just cause for congratulation that although we are still a "feeble folk" compared with many branches in older and stronger Dioceses, we are gaining a little every year, and have a right to be counted among those who are actively at work. Since we met here one year ago, we have been strengthened by two new Parish branches, which have been founded—one in St. Matthew's, Bloomington, the other in Trinity, Carrollton—which now give us eight Parish branches and eight Junior branches in this Diocese.

Our efforts in other directions have also been crowned with success. I am glad to report that the appointment of a Secretary to take charge of the contributions to the Enrollment Fund, was a wise thought, and the appointee was most happily selected, as through the earnest efforts of Mrs. E. A. Snively, a very creditable sum was sent from the Diocese of Springfield to the united offering of the Auxiliary at the opening service in old St. Paul's, which reached the magnificent amount of \$20,000.

The work of the Junior Auxiliary has also been vigorous and successful in spite of many discouragements, and the general apathy in most of our Parishes towards the children's work; and it is with the greatest regret that we were obliged to part with the devoted and able Secretary of the Junior Branch, Miss Lucy Swan Kennett, of Carrollton, who has removed to another Diocese. I trust her place will be well filled, but we shall always mourn her removal. From the very full and interesting report which Miss Kennett has submitted, it will be seen how well she has fulfilled her duties.

The report of the Secretary of the Church Periodical Club and the Librarian will be heard with interest, as well as those of our other Dioecesan and Parochial Branches, whom we are happy to see here to-day.

Another cause for thankfulness which has come to us in the past year, is the election of an Assistant Bishop, full of learning, devotion and earnest zeal, to whom we confidently look for the same aid and fatherly encouragement in our work that we have ever received from our faithful friend and ever ready helper, Bishop Seymour, whose kindly sympathy and appreciation never failed us. We may now look hopefully forward to the wider and more perfect organization of the work of women in the Diocese, and their greater intelligence and information upon the subject of Missions. For the Church is rousing herself, thank God, to her greatest duty—is going

back to the true Gospel of Apostolic days—is fulfilling more earnestly her Divine commission, and stretching out her hands ever more and more generously to the people sitting in darkness and the shadow of death, whether it be in African jungles or Chinese villages, in the swarming, filthy streets of our own and foreign cities, or the wild fastnesses of frontiers, among mountains or on sandy plains—wherever there is human want and woe and misery to be soothed and helped and uplifted and redeemed. And where the ministrations of the Church go the loving service of woman will ever follow. "First at the Tomb and last beside the Cross," she cannot fail her beloved Lord, Who raised her from the degraded position of centuries to the exalted plane of Christian womanhood. In these later days—*millenium* days for her—with advantages so much higher, opportunities so much wider than ever before, her faithful endeavor will be to offer yet more devoted service, to be yet more humble, more earnest, more instant in season and out of season, that she may do her part in uplifting humanity, and be permitted to say, with the Blessed One of old, "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God, my Savior."

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

OF THE SPRINGFIELD BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, FROM
DECEMBER, 1891, TO DECEMBER, 1892.

Report of December 6, 1892.

CAIRO—*Church of the Redeemer*:

Membership Dues.....	\$ 1 25
Oct. 5—Special for Enrollment Fund.....	5 00
Easter—"Willing Workers" Lenten Offering.....	5 50
St. Helena's Advent Offering.....	2 94
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	\$14 69

Christmas, 1891—

St. Helena's Box to Missionary Daughters, Minn.	\$ 12 00
January, 1891—	
St. Faith's Box to Missionary Daughters, Mich..	18 00

CARLYLE—*Christ Church*:

St. Cecilia's Branch, Indian Missions.....	\$20 00
Orphanage at Springfield.....	16 00
Easter Offering.....	7 90
Penny Festival.....	27 78
Orphanage at Springfield.....	10 00
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	\$81 68

CARROLLTON—*Trinity Church*:

Christmas, 1891—	
Two Boxes to Orphanage of the Holy Child.....	30 00
Golden Rule Branch } Easter Offering.....	\$36 00
and } Enrollment Fund.....	5 00
Min. Child. League } Flower Sale.....	7 30
Trinity Parish Branch, Enrollment Fund.....	5 00
Trinity Parish Branch, Membership Dues.....	5 00
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	\$58 30

CHAMPAIGN—*Emmanuel Church*:

Special for Enrollment Fund.....	\$23 35
The "Unselfish Ten" for Foreign Scholarship.....	3 00
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	\$26 35

The "Unselfish Ten", two Boxes for St. Luke's Hospital.....	10 00
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BLOOMINGTON—*St. Matthew's*:

Special for Enrollment Fund.....	\$3 00
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DECATUR—*St. John's Church*:

For General Missions.....	\$41 00
Special for Enrollment Fund.....	5 00
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	\$46 00

One Missionary Box.....	10 00
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JACKSONVILLE—*Trinity Church*:

Membership Dues.....	\$4 75
Special for Enrollment Fund.....	17 00
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	\$21 75

MT. CARMEL—

Special for Enrollment Fund.....	\$8 25
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SPRINGFIELD—*St. Paul's Pro-Cathedral*:

Annual Dues and Collections.....	\$13 21
Special for Enrollment Fund.....	71 75

St. Paul's Branch:

Pledge for Diocesan Missions.....	50 00
Expenses for Diocesan Work.....	26 00
For Home Missions.....	20 00
For St. Michael's Mission.....	13 00
For Diocesan Missionary.....	40 00
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\$233 96

Box for Diocesan Missionary.....	10 00
Box for Diocesan Missionary.....	15 00
Special Pledges for Diocesan Missions.....	136 00
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	\$629 98

\$105 00

Total in Boxes.....	\$105 00
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Total in Money.....	629 98
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Grand Total.....	\$734 98
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TREASURER'S ACCOUNT
OF THE SPRINGFIELD DIOCESAN BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

December 1, 1892.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on deposit, per report of December 1, 1891.....	\$ 45 13
Amount received for Membership Dues.....	17 46
Special Pledges for Enrollment Fund.....	105 00
Special Pledges from Junior Auxiliary.....	3 00
Interest accrued.....	1 72
 Total.....	 \$172 31

EXPENDITURES.

Special Pledges for Enrollment Fund.....	\$105 00
Amount paid for reports, postage, etc.....	11 21
 Balance on hand.....	 \$56 10

MRS. H. H. CANDEE,
Treasurer.

The reports were unanimously adopted. The reports of Vice-Presidents were next in order, and Mrs. D. W. Dresser, of Champaign, and Mrs. E. J. H. Tomlin, of Jacksonville, gave interesting verbal reports from those branches. Reports of Parish Branches followed. Miss Virginia Dresser gave a verbal report of the work and interest of St. Paul's Branch, Springfield, and the report of Trinity Branch, Jacksonville, sent by the Secretary, Mrs. M. B. Beatley, was read by Mrs. Frank Doan. The Secretary read the report of Mrs. M. Z. Hatch, Secretary of St. John's Branch, Decatur, and a very admirable report of work done in Trinity Church, Carrollton, submitted by Mrs. J. B. Harrison, President of the Branch. Reports of Special Secretaries being called for, a very beautiful and eloquent report was given by Mrs. E. A. Snively, Secretary of the Enrollment Fund, showing that the sum of \$143.35, had been raised by her efforts during the past year for that purpose alone.

The regular order of business was suspended at this point by unanimous consent for the purpose of receiving the Rev. J. B. Harrison, who came as the welcome representative from the Synod, then in session, asking for pledges for Diocesan Missions. Mr. Harrison made some eloquent remarks on the subject of Missions, and was assured of the cordial support of the Diocesan Branch to Diocesan Missions, a number of personal pledges being made by the ladies present for the purpose, at the conclusion of his remarks. These were followed by a very entertaining account of the work of St. Michael's (colored) Mission, in Cairo, by the Rev. J. B. Massiah, whose work has been cordially supported by the Branch.

The meeting then adjourned until 2:30 o'clock on Wednesday, December 7.

SECOND DAY—DEC. 7, 1892.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, and the smaller attendance occasioned by illness and other causes, the meeting on the second day was held in the parlor of the Orphanage of the Holy Child.

The exercises began with the Missionary collects read by Mrs. D. W. Dresser, Vice-President from Champaign.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. W. R. Beall, President, and the minutes of the previous day were read and approved. The Secretary read the very full and comprehensive report of the Junior Auxiliary to the Board of Missions, submitted by Miss Lucy Kennett, late of Carrollton, who was obliged to resign in September on account of removal from the Diocese. The report was unanimously approved, and a vote of thanks, including sincere regret at her removal from the Diocese, tendered Miss Kennett for her faithful and efficient work.

The annual election of officers was then proceeded to, and resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. W. R. Beall; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. D. W. Dresser, of Champaign; Mrs. E. J. H. Tomlin, of Jacksonville; Mrs. J. B. Harrison, of Carrollton, and Mrs. M. M. Goodwin, of Decatur; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. H. H. Candee, of Cairo; Secretary of the Junior Auxiliary, Mrs. L. S. Chittenden, St. Paul's, of Carlinville; Secretary of the Enrollment Fund, Mrs. E. A. Snively; Librarian, Miss Anna Swan Reynolds; Secretary of the Church Periodical Club, Miss Seaman.

On motion of Mrs. Candee it was decided unanimously that necessary postage be allowed from the funds of the Branch for prosecuting the correspondence and other expenses of the Church Periodical Club and Junior Auxiliary.

The list of pledges to Diocesan Missions was found to have reached the sum of \$68.50, which it was hoped would be largely increased during the year. By a unanimous vote the sum of \$25.00 was appropriated for the children's Christmas at the Orphanage of the Holy Child, Springfield, and the sum of \$15.00 for a Christmas gift to St. Michael's (colored) Mission, Cairo, and the Treasurer instructed to pay the same as soon as possible.

The thanks of the Branch were returned to Miss Murdoch, Principal of St. Agatha's School, and to Mrs. L. L. Slaughter, Housemother of the Orphanage for Hospitalities, and the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

MRS. H. H. CANDEE, *Secretary.*

On Wednesday, December 7, at 12 o'clock, through the courtesy of the Synod, the Secretary presented before that body the Fifth Annual Report of the Springfield Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, and the Second Annual Report of the Junior Auxiliary, which was received by the following unanimously adopted resolution:

Resolved, That the Synod has heard with great pleasure the reports of the Diocesan Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary and the Diocesan Secretary of the Junior Auxiliary, and is encouraged by the growth of the Auxiliary work in the Diocese, which must needs enjoy the most hearty sympathy of the Clergy and Laymen of the Diocese.

Resolved, That the Synod earnestly recommends the formation of Parochial Branches of the Woman's and Junior Auxiliaries in every Parish and Mission in the Diocese.

Resolved, That these reports be printed as Appendices to the Journal, and that five hundred extra copies of each of the reports be printed for the use of the Diocesan Secretaries.